

SUSAN A. GUMMER.

MAY 25, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DRIGGS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 2700.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2700) granting an increase of pension to Susan A. Gummer, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$15 to \$24 per month the pension of Susan A. Gummer, of Rochester, N. Y., the widow of John Gummer, late second lieutenant Company E, Thirty-third New York Volunteers, who served from May 22, 1861, to June 2, 1863, and was honorably discharged. He died June 14, 1865, and claimant was pensioned at \$15 per month, and \$2 each for the minors. She is now drawing the pension of \$15 per month, the minors having long ago become 16 years of age.

The following is a copy of an affidavit by Dr. E. M. Moon, jr., filed with this committee:

That he is a practicing physician and has been acquainted with the above-named widow for about twenty-two years, and that she has not been during that time in a physical condition to be alone, as she has been suffering from various physical ailments at different times during this period of time, and for a number of years back has had a difficulty of the head, which has at times interfered with her reason. Her mind has been affected at such times so as to make it impossible to leave her alone. At the present time she is suffering from pain in the head, which is so great most of the time that it is imprudent to leave her alone for but a short time.

The present financial condition of the claimant is shown to be that of absolute dependence, and in view of her affliction which makes the case exceptional a reasonable increase from \$15 to \$24 per month is recommended.

The bill is reported back with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 8 strike out the words "of thirty" and insert in lieu thereof "at the rate of twenty-four."

In line 9 strike out "all other pension" and insert in lieu thereof "the pension she now receives."

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *January 2, 1897.*

The undersigned desires to indorse the application of Mrs. Susan A. Gummer for an increase in the amount of her pension.

I believe her case to be a worthy one and, being personally acquainted with her, believe that at her age and in her present state of health, she requires care and attendance. Her present pension is not sufficient to provide for this.

I hope her application may be granted.

CHARLES A. EVANS.

STATE OF NEW YORK, *County of Monroe, ss:*

In the pension claim, certificate 143922, of Susan A. Gummer, widow of John Gummer, late Company E, Thirty-third New York Volunteer Infantry.

Personally came before me, a notary public in and for the aforesaid county and State, E. M. Moore, jr., M. D., whose post-office address is 74 South Fitzhugh street, Rochester, N. Y., well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly sworn, declares in relation to the aforesaid case as follows:

That he is a practicing physician, and has been acquainted with the above-named widow for about twenty-two years, and that she has not been during that time in a physical condition to be alone, as she has been suffering from various physical ailments at different times during this period of time, and for a number of years back has had a difficulty of the head which has at times interfered with her reason; her mind has been so affected at such times as to make it impossible to leave her alone. At the present time she is suffering from pain in the head, which is so great most of the time that it is imprudent to leave her alone for but a short time.

He further declares that he has been a practitioner of medicine for twenty-two years, and that he has no interest, either direct or indirect, in the claim to which this affidavit is supplementary, and is not engaged in its prosecution.

E. M. MOORE, JR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2d day of January, 1897, and I hereby certify that the affiant is a practicing physician in good professional standing; that the contents of the foregoing affidavit were fully made known to him before its execution.

I have no interest, direct or indirect, in this claim, and am not engaged in its prosecution.

[SEAL.]

ALMERICK W. WILBUR, *Notary Public.*